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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5,7 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,6 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Billman.

With regard to claim 1, Billman et al (US 5,443,394) disclose a card connector assembly comprising:
a card receiving slot; and

extraction prevention mechanism (20) for preventing extraction of a card inserted in the card receiving slot; the extraction prevention mechanism having a frictional extraction member (26) provided within the card receiving slot, held so as to be movable in a direction essentially perpendicular to the main surface of the card (6a) inserted therein; a cam mechanism (50) for urging the frictional retention member toward the main surface of the card; and an operating member (50a) for driving the cam mechanism, wherein extraction of the card is prevented by operating the operating member to press the frictional retention member against the main surface of the card (col. 4, lines 1-14).

With regard to claim 2, Billman et al disclose (Fig. 5) a main body (10); and a cam protrusion (32) provided on a bottom wall of the main body.

With regard to claims 4, 5, Billman et al disclose that the frictional retention member (26) is formed from rubber.

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With regard to claims ~~3, 6~~, Billman et al disclose that the operating member (50) comprises a slider (52) operably connected to the cam mechanism.

With regard to claim 9, Billman et al disclose

a main body (10) and at least two cam protrusions provided on a bottom wall of the main body, a first one of the cam protrusions (the protrusion having slot 36) being configured to retain the cam mechanism without urging the frictional retention member into contact with the main surface of the card, and a second

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one of the cam protrusions (the protrusion with top surface 32) being configured to urge the frictional retention member into contact with the main surface of the card.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3,6,8, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

No prior art has been found to anticipate or render obvious the presently claimed subject matter.

Specifically, none of the prior art of record discloses the combination of the limitations presented including the cam mechanism having a first plate on which the frictional retention member is mounted, provided above the bottom wall; and a second plate provided underneath the first plate, slidably movable by the operating member to a position corresponding to the cam protrusion; wherein the first plate having the frictional retention member mounted thereon is caused to be urged toward the card by the second plate riding up on the cam protrusion by operation of the operating member.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander D Gilman whose telephone number is 571 272-2004. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on 571 272-2800 ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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